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REMARKS

The Examiner's indication as to the allowability of claims 3-7, 11-15, 21-23, 26-30, 35-37, 43-45, 51-53, 55, 60-63, 67-69, 73 and 74 is noted with appreciation. Applicants have amended dependencies of the objected-to claims and have cancelled rejected claims so as to place application in condition for allowance.

More specifically, Claims 3, 11, 26, 43, and 60 have been re-written in independent form to include all features of their respective Intervening claims. The dependencies of Claims 2, 8, and 9 have been changed to depend from Claim 3. The dependencies of Claims 16 through 19 have been changed to depend from Claim 11. The dependencies of Claims 25, 31 through 33, 38 and 40 have been changed to depend from Claim 26. The dependencies of Claims 42, 46 through 49, 54, and 56 have been changed to depend from Claim 43. The dependencies of Claims 58 through 59, 64, 65, 70 through 72, 74, and 75 have been changed to depend from Claim 60. As well, Claims 1, 10, 24, 41, and 57 have been cancelled.

No additional claim fees should be required as the previously objected-to claims have been re-written in independent form to incorporate the features of their rejected base claims. This has effectively replaced (5) five independent claims with the same number of independent claims. Accordingly, no fee is believed due for this submission. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit any additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above-noted deposit account.

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It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

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